

## "KEEP SPECIAL PRIVILEGE OUT OF STATE PRISONS," SAYS GOVERNOR

Sacramento, Cal., July 14.—Abraham Ruef in prison—Ruef, wholesale grafter and city debaucher, who is serving a 14-year term in San Quentin for his part in the shame of San Francisco—is still so powerful that the governor of California has felt called upon to publicly explain why he opposes his parole at this time.

Prodded and apostle of special privilege, Ruef, backed by his legions of influential friends, would carry



Gov. Hiram W. Johnson of California, who believes parole of notorious San Francisco grafter would subvert square deal among his fellow prisoners at San Quentin, and, below, Abraham Ruef, serving 14 years for exacting bribes.

that same favoritism into the penitentiary, as Governor Hiram W. Johnson views it.

The convicted boddler is pleading that the board of prison directors disregard in his case its parole policy,

and liberate him prior to serving half his net terms, which would expire in August, 1915.

This the board, tacitly backed by Governor Johnson, has consistently refused to do, thereby rousing a